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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 2d Day of *February*, 1729.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHereas by an Order made by His Majeſty in Council of the 4th Day of July, in the Second Year of His Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1728, His Majeſty was pleaſed, out of His great Care for the Preſervation of his People, and for preventing the Infection, which then raged in Turkey and other Parts of the Levant, being brought into His Majeſty's Dominions, by Goods or Perſons coming from any of the Places ſo infected, to direct and require, That all Ships and Veſſels arriving, and all Perſons, Goods and Merchandizes whatſoever coming or imported in ſuch Ships or Veſſels, in, or into any Port or Place within Great Britain, from, and after the ſaid 4th Day of July, from the Levant, and eſpecially from Smyrna, or from any of the Iſles of the Archipelago, or from Zant, Corfu, Veniza, Cephalonia, St. Maura, or any of the adjacent Iſlands, or any of the Ports or Places of the Morea; and alſo all Ships and Veſſels arriving, and all Perſons, Goods and Merchandizes coming, or imported in ſuch Ships or Veſſels, in, or into any Port or Place within any of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark and Man, from and after the 8th Day of the ſaid Month of July, from the Levant, or any other of the Places or Ports above-mentioned to be infected with the Plague, ſhould perform their Quarantine in ſuch Manner, and in ſuch Places, as in and by the ſaid Order were directed.

And whereas the Governor and Company of Merchants of England trading into the Levant Seas, have by their Petition to His Majeſty, repreſented the great Diſadvantage and Burthen they lie under by the Continuance of ſuch Quarantine, and humbly prayed, that in Regard the States of Holland have, not for ſome Time paſt required a Quarantine to be performed by any Ships or Veſſels coming into their Ports, from any of the ſaid Places, which have brought with them clean Patents or Bills of Health, from the reſpective Places where they have taken in their Ladings, but have permitted them to proceed to their Ports of Diſcharge, in the ſame Manner as was practiſed before any Quarantine was required, that therefore His Majeſty would be pleaſed to grant the like Indulgence to his trading Subjects, for all ſuch Ships which ſhall arrive from any of the aforeſaid Places, as ſhall be accompanied with clean Patents or Bills of Health. His Majeſty this Day took the ſame into His Royal Conſideration, and being deſirous to encourage and promote the Trade of His Subjects, and to remove all Obſtructions thereto, ſo far as may be conſiſtent with the Safety of His People, hath thought fit to order, and doth hereby order accordingly, That the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms do direct the Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in the ſeveral Ports of this Kingdom, to ſtop all Ships and Veſſels liable to the Performance of Quarantine, which now are arrived, or hereafter ſhall arrive in any of the ſaid Ports, (that is to ſay) all ſuch Ships and Veſſels as are now arrived, or hereafter ſhall arrive in the Port of London, at the Hope; and all ſuch Ships and Veſſels as now are arrived or hereafter ſhall arrive in any of the Out-Ports where ſuch Ships are ordered to perform their Quarantine, at ſome convenient Diſtance from the Town, to which ſuch Port belongs, and there reſpectively to demand of the Maſters or other Perſons having Charge of ſuch Ships or Veſſels on board the ſame, their Patents or Bills of Health, and to tranſmit the ſame to the ſaid Commiſſioners, who are hereby required to examine ſtrictly into the ſaid Patents or Bills of Health; and in caſe they ſhall appear to be clean Patents, and to be ſigned and ſealed by the proper Magiſtrate of the Place where they took in their Ladings, and that the Ships Company are entirely free from Infection, that then ſuch Ships and Veſſels ſhall be exempt from the Performance of Quarantine. And the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall ſend their Orders, for permitting ſuch Ships and Veſſels to proceed to their reſpective Places of Diſcharge, without performing Quarantine. But if upon Examination, ſuch Bills of Health ſhall not prove ſatisfactory to the ſaid Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, or the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall not be ſatisfied that